

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**

☐ **ANSWER**

DATE: 11/12/2021

☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

☐ **APPEAL**

☐ **UNTIMELY**

DOCKET #:

2021-986

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Steven Leon

Address: 5 Audubon Place, Hammond, LA 70401-1639

Office/Position: Hammond City Council / District 5 / Hammond / Tangipahoa

of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 5

Years Covered: 2017-2020

Final Report: No

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2020

Report ID: PFD21010641

Original Due Date: 5/17/2021

NOD Received: 10/4/2021

NOD Signed by: Mail Carrier KJJ-C5 for C-19 (Covid-19) for Steven Leon

PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 10/13/2021

PFD/Answer Filed: 10/23/2021

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$250

Days late from receipt of NOD: 10

Total days late from initial due date: 159

Late Fee Order Received: 11/1/2021

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/22/2021

Waiver Request Received: 11/3/2021

COMMENTS:

Steven J. Leon is requesting a Waiver for the late filing of his 2020 PFD Statement. Mr. Leon stated this is his first time as a councilman (elected 11/6/2018), and although he's tried very hard to keep up with deadlines, policies and procedures, the past months have been very difficult. He stated the Failure to File Notice issued 10/1/2021, delivered 10/4/2021, was not seen until 10/20/2021

He is a retired state employee and is currently working at OPTIONS Inc., a non-profit service, assisting over 150 people with intellectual disabilities. During Hurricane Ida, he managed four shelters and generators for 2 weeks to help those displaced individuals and families. Also, Hurricane Ida completely destroyed his mother's (85) home and his father-in-laws' (86) home. Both parents are now living with him and his spouse. During this time, he was utilizing several small generators at his home for their bare necessities, as they were without power for 22 days. He did not have internet for a month; And mail delivery was halted. Hurricane Ida hit his council district very hard, with both extreme wind damage and flooding. Countless homes were destroyed and people were without power and services for weeks. He received countless calls, text and emails daily regarding recovery next steps. As of today, much of his district still looks like "a war zone. Things are not normal and these are very unusual times", Mr. Leon stated. He asked the Ethics Board to consideration his waiving his late fee assessment.

This is Ms. Leon's first late fee assessment.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

November 2, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, La 70821

Steven J. Leon
5 Audubon PL
Hammond La. 70401

RE: Request a waiver for Steven J. Leon; Councilman District 5, Hammond La

Dear Ms. Wimberley,

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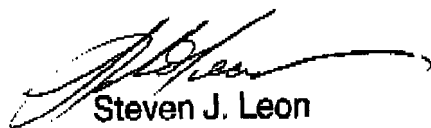
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Thank You,



Steven J. Leon
Councilman District 5
Hammond, La. 70401

Cell: 985-662-2429

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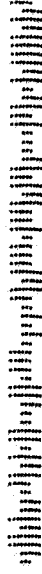
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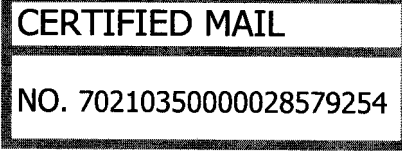
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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 1, 2021

Steven Leon
5 Audubon Pl.
Hammond, LA 70401-1639

RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - FAILURE TO FILE
Statement covering 2020 (originally due on May 17, 2021)
Hammond City Council / District 5 / Hammond / Tangipahoa

Dear Steven Leon:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of our records indicates that we have not received your Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice to file your Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2020, which was originally due on May 17, 2021, or to submit an Answer explaining why you feel you are not required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. Failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement or an Answer within the 7 business days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$25 per day up to a maximum of \$500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; commercial delivery service; fax, upload, or electronic filing confirmation date stamp.

The form for the Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Form 418a) is available on the Louisiana Board of Ethics website at www.ethics.la.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ford
Program Compliance Officer

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Steven Leon
5 Audubon Pl.
Hammond, LA 70401-1639



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, July 2020 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X Steven Leon

- ☐ Agent
- ☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

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C. Date of Delivery

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D. Is delivery address different from item 1? If YES, enter delivery address below:

- ☒ Yes
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3. Service Type

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